

New gay group starts up at Iowa State

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Phi Alpha Gamma, a new group at Iowa State formed to increase the awareness of the gay community, will be commencing activities soon, said James Schaefer, one of the group's founding members.

The name of the group comes from the greek letters spelling "FAG," according to *Paragraph*, the ISU Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance newsletter. The newsletter said the founders of the group wanted some

way to make consciousness-raising a fun activity.

Schaefer, who is also president of LGBA, said Phi Alpha Gamma intends to promote gay visibility on campus and have a good time doing it.

Schaefer said the group would be similar to Queer Nation, a nationally-known gay direct action group. Queer Nation's activities have included kiss-ins, public shopping sprees and going to public schools to

Other homosexual groups may form

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distribute condoms.

Schaefer said Phi Alpha Gamma will begin planning activities at their first meeting Thursday at 5 p.m. in the LGBA office of the Memorial Union. He said one of the proposed activities is a kiss-in on central campus, where couples of the same sex will gather and hold

“reverse campaniling.”

Phi Alpha Gamma will be an exclusive group, allowing only gay males to become members, said the newsletter. However, if there is interest, other groups such as Lambda Epsilon Sigma (“LES”) and Beta Iota Sigma (“BIS”) may form.

Schaefer said Phi Alpha Gamma may also allow “little brothers” and “little sisters” as a way to let heterosexual individuals join.